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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1908. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN: Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

If the van man had literary ability he could write a great story on moving spectacles.

The revocation of a liquor license is notice to saloon keepers that the police board means business.

Prince Helli de Sagan is said to be ill of a fever. It is probably Gould fever or gold fever, or both.

"I know what defeat is," says Governor Johnson. He has no advantage over Mr. Bryan in that respect.

Everyone in possession of "well defined rumors" is invited to step up to the grand jury-room and relieve his mind.

Tom Watson says the climate at Washington is abominable. Perhaps, but no one has compelled Watson to live there.

"It is not always May," says the New York Mail. No. Sometimes it is May, or Maye, or Mayme, or even plain Mary.

"R. C. Rann," one of the most famous race horses in Kentucky, is dead. It never figured as much in turf events as "Also Ran."

Scientists are going to spend thousands of dollars searching for dead fossils in Montana. Live fossils are never in demand.

The soaking rains of the last few days have given the great west a much more comfortable feeling in the vicinity of its corn belt.

A young woman employed by the Bridge trust in Ohio has been indicted for perjury. Just another illustration of the evils of bridge.

Governor Hughes refers to "the colossal power of unrighteous wealth." That ought to keep old Predatory quiet for a few minutes.

Why should not John D. Rockefeller love all the people, as he says he does? Haven't they all contributed something to his material well being?

Mr. Bryan still insists that his most formidable opponent at Denver will be Mr. Predatory Wealth, who is out with a dough bag buying delegates.

New York courts have declared it illegal for janitors to live in cellars. Yet a janitor can live in the cellar and still look down upon the tenants.

Bulletin—The New York to Paris automobile racers have arrived at Tokio and report an enjoyable absence of snow drifts on the trip across the Pacific.

Texas has passed a law prohibiting the sale of revolvers. A more rigid enforcement of the law prohibiting the reckless use of them would also help some in Texas.

With our Park board appointed by the district judges and our police board appointed by the governor, the legislature may next appoint the mayor and other city officials and let us out altogether.

Denver hotel men propose to put four persons in each room during the democratic national convention. Mr. Bryan, Governor Johnson, Mr. Cleveland and Judge Parker would make a drawing combination if they could be placed in one room.

INCREASE OF FREIGHT RATES.

The persistence with which railroad managers declare that they must increase freight rates to make up for decreased earnings, forces the conviction that the agitation is in the nature of a co-operative backfire to counteract popular demands on the railway commissioners of the different states for freight rate reductions.

A VIRGINIA VIEW.

Governor Swanson of Virginia has come out in favor of the nomination of Mr. Bryan at the Denver convention, but he uses a line of argument to support his position that will hardly warm the heart of the Nebraska leader.

Desirable as sources of enlarged revenues for the railroad companies may be, the producer and shipper have some rights in the case. While there has been a depression in business generally, the fact remains that prices have not been materially lowered to the consumer, except in certain lines of foodstuffs.

The views of Governor Swanson fairly reflect the attitude of many democrats who realize that Bryan can not carry the eastern states essential to his election and yet that his following would prevent the success of any other democratic candidate.

Information comes from the state capital to the effect that the necessary funds are almost assured to purchase the ground for the historical library for which the last legislature made a first appropriation contingent upon the provision of a proper site by the city of Lincoln.

Just across the river seven candidates are entered in the race for the republican nomination for sheriff under the new Iowa direct primary law. From that one would infer that the job of sheriff over in Iowa has many lucrative perquisites as the job of sheriff used to have here in Nebraska.

Governor Sheldon and his party are receiving all kinds of courteous attention on their trip to present the silver service to the battleship Nebraska. The Californians may count on having their favors reciprocated if they will join in the celebration of the opening of the Missouri river to deep-water navigation, whenever that may be.

THE COURTS, BUT WOULD BE DECLARED CLASS LEGISLATION PROHIBITED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

The only practical way to meet this problem is the old way of leaving the local authorities to grapple with it as best they may under the peculiar and constantly varying conditions of each community.

CONVENIENT FORGETFULNESS.

There are many methods of developing and cultivating the memory, some of which are probably effective. There is one way of developing impregnable forgetfulness which is invariably effective, and that is to put a man on the stand to testify to something which he doesn't want to tell.

LOCKING THE STABLE DOOR.

Current dispatches report that timber owners are forming organizations to promote the holdings from fire and to promote economical methods of lumbering. Good! The horses have been stolen, and the harness, too; but if a good lock is put on the stable door we may be able to save the flooring of the stails.

IN THE WORLD OF TRADE.

"But we raised the rate for the good of the public," said the railroad magnate. "Couldn't you make that a little clearer?" ventured the spokesman of the committee.

PREVENTABLE WASTE OF PROPERTY.

Still the waste keeps up. The losses by fire in the United States and Canada during April averaged \$1,000,000 a day. The average for the first four months of the year was \$12,000 a day, against \$119,000 a day in the corresponding period last year.

SECRET OF THE CORN BELT.

Here is the secret of the success in corn growing in both Wisconsin and Iowa. Counting short courses and long courses, there are at the agricultural colleges and schools about 900 students a year in each state. When they go out from the schools they are organized into farmers' experimental associations, each association to be a nucleus of improvement for its district.

CONGRESS WAKING UP.

There is not a newspaper of any considerable influence in the United States that is supporting the do-nothing policy of the present congress. For a while the members of the house of representatives greeted the criticism with official badinage and gave as an excuse for their course that congress was not expected to do much on the eve of a presidential campaign.

THE GRAND JURY CHARGE.

The charge of Judge Sears to the grand jury does not indicate that there is any suspicion of anything unusual in the administration of public affairs here requiring grand jury investigation. The charge properly calls attention to the various classes of offenses which the local authorities are supposed to regulate and suppress, but does not even intimate that conditions in this respect are not steadily improving, or that the police board and police officers have failed to cope with them in a practical manner.

IT WILL NOT BE SO MUCH OF A SACRIFICE FOR A MAN TO GIVE UP HIS SEAT TO A WOMAN IN THE CLEVELAND STREET CARS, NOW THAT THE FARE IS BUT 3 CENTS.

Nebraska democrats are trying hard to lay the foundations of a state organization. Nebraska republicans should go them one better by perfecting their organization and keeping ahead of the democrats.

Other candidates for the republican presidential nomination did not agree to suspend operations while Mr. Taft is compelled to be in Panama, but indications are that the results will be the same as if they had.

With renewed assurances of distinguished consideration for the linotype compositor, it is announced that Miss Machaszewszachowsky of New York wants the courts to authorize her to change her name.

Work is What is Wanted.

A lot of good work may be done, or may not be done, according as a man is selected for national committee work who has or has not the physical energy to do it. As far as we are able to judge, the editor of The Omaha Bee is, all things considered, the best man mentioned.

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Knocks and Boosts

High Reputation Maintained.

The Omaha Bee under the able management of Victor Rosewater, still continues to maintain the high reputation of this western newspaper. He has not had his father's experience yet, but he is working along right lines and time will stiffen his backbone to do right regardless of politics or anything else. This is the only kind of journalism that is worth thinking about.

Making Good on that Talk.

The new county commissioner for Douglas county is James H. Riggs, editor of the Washington Gazette, appointed last week to fill a vacancy that will probably be extended by election later to a full three-year term. This was a much sought after position, carrying with it a salary of \$3,000, without seriously interfering with the work of getting out a good republican weekly.

Denial of a "Pinhead."

It appears that Rosewater has got it into his "pinhead" that he is the only one in the state who is favorable to the Taft campaign—or, in other words, capable of managing it.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE. Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched. The senate is the scene of the route of legislation in the national capital. More "color" and a shade less atmosphere surrounds the ponderous machine as it grinds and macerates and gives the mold of form to measures properly labeled. Here is a specimen: Senator Teller called up a bill, giving its number and asked that it be passed. "The clerk will read it," said the vice president, but the clerk had not gone far before Senator Keane of New Jersey, the eagle eye of the senate, was on his feet, apparently to interpose an objection. "It's all right. Don't object," whispered Senator Gallinger, who sat near Senator Keane. The clerk resumed reading: "An act to amend an act, entitled an act to amend an act—"

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